OUR RICHMOND DAILY NEWS BUDGET.

Speculation as to Date For Holding the State Convention.

THE NORFOLK CUSTOM HOUSE

Copy of Act of Assembly Ceding Ground

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—It seems to litical leaders that the State convention will be held considerably earlier this year than heretofore. August is bels to make nominations, but for certain reasons there is a strong probability that it will this year meet as early as the month of June.

there seems to be a general disposition

GENERAL ALLAN'S REQUEST. GENERAL ALLAN'S REQUEST.

Col. William Henry Mann, clerk of the House of Delegaies, today received a letter from District Attorney Edgar Allen, who is conducting the prosecution in the Prince case in Norfolk, asking for a certified copy of the Act of Assembly giving the consent of the State to the purchase by the government of the site of the Norfolk custom house.

The act, which is doubtless necessary in the establishment of the question of jurisdiction, was promptly forwaried.

Tuesday morning, and who is wanted in many places for a legal rinds in expecially in Wheeling, where he is under an indiction asserted money under the form D. R. Toppan, of Marion county, W. Va., in August last.

Officer Ingraham proceeded at once to the city jail and served the papers on Serseamt Smith, but found he could not get his prisoner as Mr. H. M. Smith, of counsel for Harris, had sesured from the Hustings Court a writ of habeas corpus, which is made returnable before that tribunal on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

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A SUPREME COURT JUDGSHIP. A SUPREME COURT JUDGSHIP.

The approaching fight before the legislature for the Supreme Court judgship, now held by Hon. A. A. Phlegar, as the appoince of Governor Tyler, is again arousing much interest, as the time for the law-makers to meet approaches.

The various can lidates have not been idle, and their adherents are working for them in every way.

CLAIMS FOR CANDIDATES.

The friends of Julgs Phiegar feel certain that his chances of nomination by the caucus are tristnetning every day and that he will finally bear away the raim. They fur her believe that if he skall fail of the nomination, his votes will go a leng way toward deciding the contest between the other as; frants, and that the key to the studion is in the han s of the friends of the Montgomery c unity man.

The friends of Julge Whittle appear equally confident of the success of their favorke and believe that things will bogin to come their way after several Lailois shall have been taken. They are counting upon much of Judge Phiegar's strength, should be not win out himself, and are disnosed to lay much stress upon the splendid endorsement of the tar of the State, which they claim for Judge Prentis, and there are those who believe that in case of a deadlock between the three leading candidates he stands a fine chance of success.

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It is going to be a hot fight to the very finish and the battle in caucus will be one of the most spiried which has been fought out there for many

SECRETARY LAWLESS FOR CHAIRMAN.

Much interest has been aroused by the announcement of the candidacy of ecretary of the Commonwealth Joseph

cieties to take April 13th, Jefferson's birthday, as a holiday, and to hold the inter-society debating and oratorical contest on that day, with a banquet at night. The faculty is very reluctant about giving a holiday, but it is believed and hoped they will grant this request, and allow Jofferson's birthday to be used as "Society Day." Formerly holiday was given on this date and track athletics were held, but owing

to lack of interest in this sport it was abandoned.

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At the meeting of the Jefferson Society the following officers were elected for the intermediate term:

President—George F. Rogers, of Petersburg.

Vice-President—C. R. Williams, of Virginia.

Secretary—J. J. McLaughlin, of Lynchburg.

PERSONAL.

The doll show, held by the King's Daughters for the benefit of the new hospital, was held in Washington Hall.

Mr. Dennis M. Thomasson, of Charlottesville, and an M. D., 1900, of the University of Virginia, received the appointment, after a competitive examination, in the Hospice Francals, in New York.

Mr. Langdon Lea, the famous foot

New York.

Mr. Langdon Lea, the famous football captain of the Princeton team, was seen in college this week.

Miss Maud Howard Peterson, the authoress, is visiting her relatives here at the University.

Mr. Willoughby Read, who gave a very entertaining recitation at Put II, Hall here a few weeks ago, will appear in the entertainment to be given Tuesday by the teachers of Enwines Instiday by the teachers of Rawlings Insti-

STUDENTS HARD AT WORK.

ROANOKE. .

DETECTIVES BALDWIN AND GALE CAPTURE A DESPERADO. Roanoke, Va., Dec. 15.—A week or more ago a sensational happening occurred at Lebanon, in Russcil county
R. M. Baldwin, who is a government
officer and C. C. Cale of Baldwin's
detective agency. In this city agreeds
Floyd Fletcher in the courthouse at
Lebanon. Fletcher was wanted for
illicit distilling and is reported to be
one of the song who shot Detective
Felts hat spring Fletcher has the
remulation of being a desperate character and in the wilds of his own county
where every bilding place and every
path is known to him, he is a dangerous gran to run upon. The detective
cot on the track of him and heard that
he would attend court at the Cooke
murder trial, which grew out of the
fullian of a relative of Fletcher's, and
he was a witness in the case. The detectives nabled him in court and he
took his agreet calmly, though the off
cers knew that he was off his own territory and that accounted for it. It
eads that Fletcher had often made the
houst that no living man could put the
nitypers on him in his own county. The
moonships plant is in Buchanan county. Fletcher was failed and the supposition is that the charge of "moonshining" was to hold him, and that
later a much more sections charge
would be preferred something relating
to a murder that was perpetrated in
Russell county.

PETERSBURG.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 15.-This Petersburg, Va., Dec. 15.—This morning, a negro named George Travers, who is wanted in Dinwiddle county for assaulting and beating a colored woman, was arrested here. The new fire proof clerk's office at Dinwiddle county court house is approaching completion and will be turned over to the county very shortly.

The temperature last night was lower than it has been at any time this winter, and this morning there was considerable ice.

NEWPORT NEWS.

ILL WITH APPENDICITIS-HOUSE BOAT GONE.

Hampton, Va., Dec. 15,-Mr. Oscar Gilbert, one of the most popular young men in East Hampton, is seriously ill

Much interest has been aroused by the announcement of the candidacy of Secretary of the Commonwealth Joseph T. Lawless for the position of State chairman, and it is said that there is no doubt of his election.

Mr. Lawless is known to have the ear of nearly every prominent Democrat in the State, and his record as a faithful and efficient officer, and his unerring fidelity and consistent labors in the vineyard of Democracy, combined with his youth, ability and popularity, give his friends good ground for the suspicion that he will go up higher before his political career shall end.

MAJ. CUTCHINS TO RESIGN.

It is understood that Maj. Sol. Cutchins, of the Blues' Battallon, contemplates resigning his position about the first of January. He will retire from military service because he cannot arrow to give the proper time to the duties of his office.

Maj. Cutchins has long been an officer of the Biues, and he has a record of which he may be proud. He is exceedingly popular with officers and men, and they will give him up reluctantly. It is said that a strong effort will be made to induce Maj. Cutchins to reconsider his determination.

GOVERNOR TYLER INDISPOSED.

Governor Tyler is quite indisposed today, and was unable to leave his office. His private secretary, Mr. Ben P. Owen, Jr., is sick, also.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

University of Virginia, Dec. 15.—The faculty at its meeting Friday night considered the joint application of the Washington and Jefferson Literary Societies to take April 13th, Jefferson's birthday, as a holiday, and to hold the inter-society debating and cratorical contest on that day, with a banquet at contest on that day, we had a bridge to the first and showed the distinction of the washington and Jefferson Literary Societies to take April 13th, Jefferson's birthday, as a holiday, and to hold the inter-society debating and cratorical contest on that day, with a banquet at con

but you cannot get permanent relief from Catarrh unless you purify your blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla does this, soothes and heels the inflamed surfaces, removes, all srofulous taints, and cures catarrh.

SUFFOLK.

Mr. Walter Jordan Chosen Chairman of Executive Committee.

Farmer Roughly Treated Proposed Electric Light Plant The Oyster Cases

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 15.-After a spirited sion of the Nansemond County Democratic Executive Committee to-day Hon. Walter Jordan, Nansemond's delegate to the General Assembly, was elected chairman. The feature of the meeting was its refusal by a majority of one to permit proxies to be cast by any person who was not a member of the committee, Mr. Cornel us Cutchin, candidate for superintenaem of schools, against Mr. Lee Britt, incumbent, held four proxies from three districts, which, if they had ocen recognized, would probably have given him control. The only proxy passed upon as eligible was C. T. Minton's authorization from W. M. Brittain.

The meeting was called to order by P. L. Pruden, secretary, and John B. Pinner was selected to preside. There was some spicy talk.

Captain Britt indicated the impropricty of a candidate (meaning Cutchin), taking such an active part. The latter said Captain Britt was a representative of his son, also a candidate.

The chair ruled that none but written proxies would be regarded, and the committee decided that none of those were good unless held by a member. Mr. Cutchin made several talks and alleged unfairness.

When proxies were ruled out there was just a quorum.

Mr. Pinner was nominated for chairman, but would not serve because he had declared his position on the superlintendency of schools and might not be acceptable to both sides.

When Mr. Jordan was put in nomination it was questioned whether he would accept. Friends said he would. Mr. Jordan received every vote cast, two persons not voting.

CHARGE AGAINST HURRICANE lected chairman .The feature of the

Hurricane Branch, a bunter of crim-nals, was this afternoon a defendant

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I OST-ONE CHILD'S ASTRACHAN
I Collar on the street, The finder will
please return to No. 55 MAIN STREET.

In Justice Eley's court, with two lawyers, Judge Rawles and J. U. Burges,
engaged in the prosecution. Branch
was acquitted.

The officer had gone to the home of
Rufus Williams to secure two cedar
poles wanted to be used against him
as evidence. Williams was accused of
removing the poles from Dr. J. A.
Kyle's farm and Justice Bunting gave
Branch authority to get the poles. The
authority for Branch's action was
questioned by Burges, who advised
Williams to swear' out a warrant of
urrest, alleging trespass. Justice Eley
did not consider the officer amenable
for his act, and the warrant was dismissed.

A FARMER'S TROUBLES.
Followed, knocked down, choked, bruised, robbed and left along the road side was the fate that overtook D. Frank Garner about two miles from Smithfield last night. Garner is a farmer who lives four miles from Smithfield. He went to town yesterday and carried a lot of peanuts, but fortunately did not collect for them.
Thinking he had a considerable sum of money two negroes followed him to the forest, where the assault was made. Garner was handled quite roughly, one side of the face being skinned and bruised nearly all the way down. The assailants did not get much for their pains. They cannot be sufficiently described by Garner to make available warrants of arrest.
PROPOSED ELECTRIC LIGHT A FARMER'S TROUBLES. PROPOSED ELECTRIC LIGHT

While the Smithfield folk are about While the Smithfield folk are about their municipal improvements they mean to put up some things worthy the name of the venerable town. The next innovation talked of is electric lights. Ben P. Gay, John G. Wilson and others have already applied to the council for a franchise for the building of a power house and seeking other privileges. One clause of the franchise sought provides for an exclusive privilege 39 years lone.

NOT THROUGH THE FIRST. NOT THROUGH THE FIRST.

After being occupied five days with oyster piracy cases, Isle of Wight County Court this evening adjourned till next Wednesday, with the trial of Claude Tennis, the first of divescent to be arraigned still unfinished. The defense today proved that the oystermen had questioned guards about the grounds on which they worked, and had exercised other precautions, It was stated that Tennis carried on the river a rifle which he fired.

NEW TELEPHONE OFFICIALS.

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B. P. Gay, postmaster of Smithfield, today began his duties as secretary-treasurer, etc., of the Isle of Wight Telegraph and Telephone Company, succeeding J. Waverly Thomas.

ALLEGED OYSTER THIEVES.

Bill Keeling and John Jones will, on Monday, be tried by Justice Bunting for stealing an oyster boat and cargo from Captain Tony Matthews, The vessel and some of the oysters were recovered.

Miss Inez Garrett, of Eastville, Va., a former student at Suffolk College, is visiting Misses Annie and Emma King,

Cabinets, Stands and Folios, Pano Searts, Covers, Chairs, Stools, etc., Sheet Music and Musical Instruments, Toy Instruments for Santa Claus, R. L. GASKINS, Suffolk, Va., Plano Tuning a specialty, des-10t

WANTED.—AN IRON SAFE. STATE size (inside measurement), make and price. WOODARD & ELAM, Suffolk, Va., deli-ti

former Congressman John W. Lawson, who has been very ill with diptheria, now has pneumonia.

Mrs. Lizzle Carr Brinkley and Miss Julia Brinkley will sing a duet, "Hark, Hark, My Soul!" at the Christlan church Sundary evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Elam are in Smithfield.

The Suffolk High school will play football with the Norfolk Tigers De-cember 21.

MR. LAWLES WILL STAND.

AS A CANDIDATE FOR DEMO-CRATIC STATE SECRTEARY.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—Today brought forth a political item of considerable interest thoughout the State. Secretary of the Commonwealth Jos. T. Lawless has announced positively that he will be a candidate for the position of secretary of the State Democratic committee before the convention, which meets next. Monday to nominate a Governor and other State officials. In this matter Mr. Lawless has yielded to pressure brought to bear upon him by his friends, who Insist that he shall stand for the honor.

Eefore the re-election of Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, as stated at the time in the Virginian-Pilot, a strong effort was made to Induce Mr. Lawless to be a candidate, and it was thought almost up to the last moment that he would allow his name to be used.

Mr. Ellyson, it is conceded on all sides, has made a most admirable chairman, and there will doubtless be many who will advocate his claims, should be again be an aspirant for the position.

Mr. Lawless is a man thoroughly

position.

Mr. Lawless is a man thoroughly familiar with conditions in the State and would doubtless fill the responsible position with great efficiency,

MRS. HEYWOOD DEAD.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

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Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—A cablegram received at Wytheville today announced the death of Mrs. Joseph C.
Heywood, at her residence, the Palace
Giraud Terionia Piazza Scossacavilli,
Pome, Italy, her residence.
She was 72 years old, Mrs. Heywood was the widow of the late Joseph Heywood, Private Chamberlain
to the Pope, and was formerly Mrs.
Charles MacAlister, of Philadelphia,
Three children, Mrs. Neuli, of Philadelphia: Dr. Richard MacAlister, of Denver, Colo., and Charles MacAlster, the
noted wing shot of this clare, formerly of Ealtimore, survive her.
Mrs. Heywood's estate is valued at
several millons.

GOLDEN DISCOVERY BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS

MR. BRYAN'S FUTURE.

HE WILL PUBLISH AND EDIT A NEWSPAPER.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15,-William J. Bryan gave out today the following

"I have, for several years, had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it. Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions I have taken this method, because it will best accomplish the purpose which I have in view. Through a paper I will be able to keep in touch with social, economic and political problems. The paper, will at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs, and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past.

"I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students; but my principal work will be done with the pen, or, perhaps, I should say with the pencil.

"The paper will be called the Commoner, and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform, I shall be publisher and editor. Place of publication, Lincoln." contemplation the establishment of a

A DISTINGUISHED AUSTRIAN.

OSWALD OTTENDORFER, EDITOR AND PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
New York, Dec. 15.—Oswald Ottendorfer, ditor of the Staats Zeitung, died at his home, in this city, to-day. Since 1851 he has been engaged actively in journalism and achieved fame and fortune as one of the most distinguished editors in this country. With his wife, Mr. Ottendorfer founded and endowed the Old People's Home in Astoria. They had built and endowed the German Dispensary in connection with the circulating library in Second avenue, New York. He creeted in his mative town, in Austria, an orphan asylinm, a poorhouse, a school, a hospital, a library and other institutions, which he endowed richly. How highly his work was appreciated may be seen from the fact that the Emperor of Austria sent him a decoration which Ottendorfer, as an American cilizen, refused to accept. The Emperor thereupon wrote him a very flattering letter concerning his many philanthropical acts.

Southern Baseball League. By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.-The Southern Association of Baseball Clubs formed in this city tonight, and alformed in this city tonight, and although seven-clubs have been accepted, the baseball men went into session at the Kimbail House at 9 o'clock this evening for the purpose of completing the 'organization. The cities granted franchises are: New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Little Rock and Shreveport. The promoters of the league hope to secure either Atlanta or Mobile as the eighth club, but do not believe that it will be possible to complete the circuit before Monday.

Made Her Beautiful.

Every Lady in the Land Can Now Have a Beautiful Skin

A TRIAL BOX FREE.

Every lady who serds her name and address will receive by mail free a trial treatment of a celebrated beauty's remedies for beautifying the complexion. It is not a face powder, cream, cosmetic or bleuch, contains no oil, sprease, paste or chemicals and is absolutely the only successful beauty maker known.

Fannie B. Raiston, 628 Levington Ave., Newport, Ky., sister of the famous Kennows Kennows Beauty, Helen Raiston, who also used these beautifiers, says: "When I began using Mime, Ribauti's complexion beautifiers I did not think it possible to



FANNIE B. RALSTON.

(Showing her wonderful improvement.)
clear my skin, my face was in a horrible
condition, literally covered with red spots,
pimoles, blackheads, moth patches and
freckles. And whenever the weather
changed eczema, chap and sait rheum
added to my misery. I suffered a thousand deaths, and when I sent for a trial
of Mine. Ribault's beautifiers, just as I
had done before time and again with
other advertised remedles. I did not expect any results, imagine my surprise
when the next day all redness and soreness were gone. At the end of a week
my skin begaa to clear, the freckles and
moth patches disappeared and the eczema
and sait rheum were completely cured. I
improved so wonderfully that my friends
did not recognize me, so quickly had the
change taken place. My skin is now perfectly lovely, and there is not a blemish
or wrinkle anywhere.

"I hope all laddes will at least try these
marvelous beautifiers."

Do not delay, but write immediately.
The treatment is harmless, a natural
beauty maker and will permanently remove all tan, freekles, moth patches,
pimples, blackheads, flesh worms, sunburn, chaps, roughness and any and all
skin imperfections, no matter what they
may be,
Write to-day without fall and the free
treatment will be mailed prepaid with
full directions and all particulars absointely free. Addres MME, M. RIBAULT,
1322 Elsa Bidg., Cincinnati, O. 11



Take Advantage of the Great Sale!

Christmas will come and go, but the conditions that have brought about this great tearing down, clearing out sale will never exist again.

Our whole stock is included.

It is the chance of a lifetime to buy staple standard articles, Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, for yourself, if you are not figuring on gifts.



The fact that this sale is taking place just prior to Christmas, and that it includes a new, large stock of Christmas Goods are only incidental.

The box you sent me has almost cured the most obstinate case of

Eczema you ever saw." --- James L. Jones, Jellico, Tenn. 50 cents at druggists' or from J. T. Shuptrine, Sole Proprietor, Savannah, Ga.

The sale would be taking place right now, even if Christmas were a midsummer event.

The stock must be reduced down to a quarter, or less, its present size.

We must make way for our new Sky-scraper, which is to be an ornament to Norfolk.

We have the best Engraver to be found south of New York.

As many things are valued more for the inscription they bear than for their intrinsic value or artistic merits, the engraving should be the best,

In fact, handsome wares are often disfigured by incompetent engravers.

You know your faiends are critical, and you should not give them an opportunity to question your good taste.

Don't wait for any further reductions in prices. We have put them down so low that further reductions will be unnecessary.

Come in early while the stock is wonderfully complete.

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